

I-15 will be closed Wednesday, Thursday nights in Spanish Fork

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With the Labor Day weekend over, crews working on the Interstate CORE project are moving forward with their fall schedule, which includes a full freeway closure Wednesday and Thursday, from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. each night. The closure will help facilitate the placement of 100 foot bridge girders at the 2700 North bridge over I-15 in Spanish Fork.

Interstate 15 will close between 400 South in Springville (Exit 260) and Main Street in Spanish Fork (Exit 257). Traffic on I-15 will be detoured to Spanish Fork Main Street and State Road 77 (400 South in Springville). Motorists on U.S. 6 traveling to northbound I-15 will be detoured to State Road 51 and U.S. 89 (Main Street in Springville). Traffic from U.S. 6 to southbound I-15 will not be affected.

"The beams are four feet wide and 100 feet long and are built in one continual piece," said Scott Thompson, I-15 CORE spokesman. "Each girder weighs approximately 80,000 pounds and is pre-cast. They will be brought in on large semi-trucks from South Salt Lake."

According to Thompson, the goal is to set nine girders, one each hour, and then crews will start working on the bridge deck.

"This is one of the first bridges we've taken down on the project, and by December, it will be up and running again," Thompson said. "It will be one of 63 structures on the I-15 CORE that will be new, rebuilt or modified."

Other construction concerns are in the area around Orem. They include the following:

The 1600 North overpass partial demolition originally scheduled for Saturday has been rescheduled to Sept. 18. During this work, 1600 North will be closed at the interchange from 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 through 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 and Sunday at 9 p.m. until Monday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 a.m. if necessary. I-15 will not be closed; however, traffic on the interstate will be restricted to two lanes in each direction during this activity.

Hauling operations continue at Geneva Road as crews remove fill material from the bridge embankments. Flaggers are posted to allow trucks access. Please use caution as trucks are accessing the area. This operation will continue through Wednesday.

Crews have started to build the first retaining wall that will support the new southbound off-ramp at the Orem 800 North interchange. Called a Mechanically Stabilized Earth or MSE wall, these walls play an integral role in the construction of the new ramp.

Construction has also started on the MSE walls that will support the bridge abutments on the new Orem Center Street interchange.

UDOT encourages drivers to TravelWise, plan ahead and stay informed to reduce delays by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, becoming a follower on Facebook at facebook.com/i15core and on Twitter at twitter.com/i15core. Text updates are also available by texting "i15" to 53535.

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